



DRAFT -- COMMUNITY COLLEGE COUNCIL (CCC) MEETING NOTES

Monday, January 21, 2014 – ICN Meeting

2:00 – 3:15 p.m.

Those in attendance included:

- ☐ Barbara Crittenden, President, Southwestern Community College; and CCC Member
- ☐ Kent Farver, Chief, Bureau of Community Colleges
- ☐ Mike Knedler, CCC and State Board of Education Member
- ☐ Barbara Ledvina, Education Program Consultant, Bureau of Community Colleges
- ☐ Moudy Nabulsi, Community College Trustee, Southeastern Community College, and CCC Member (via conference call)
- ☐ Max Phillips, CCC and State Board of Education Member (via conference call)
- ☐ Eric St Clair, Education Program Consultant, Bureau of Community Colleges
- ☐ Jeremy Varner, Administrator, Division of Community Colleges
- ☐ LaMetta Wynn, CCC and State Board of Education Member

I. Welcome and Introductions—Barbara Crittenden

Acting Chair Barbara Crittenden called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Members and presenters introduced themselves. Jeremy Varner thanked Dr. Crittenden for serving as chair today as Max was available via conference call.

II. Approval of Meeting Notes—Barbara Crittenden

Acting Chair Crittenden asked for approval of the notes of the September 24, 2013, meeting of the CCC. Acting Chair Crittenden noted an error in item VI as it shows that she made the motion and seconded. The notes will be revised to show that Dr. Crittenden made the motion and Moudy Nabulsi seconded.

Motion: Moudy Nabulsi moved and Max Phillips seconded to approve the CCC notes with the amendment made as shown above.

Action: The notes were passed unanimously by the CCC.

III. Division Updates—Jeremy Varner

Community College Leader Bulletin (CCLB)

The Division of Community Colleges restarted the CCLB after a three-year hiatus. The division restarted this newsletter to provide consistent communication to all of our liaison groups – presidents, trustees, chief academic officers, deans groups, business officers, student services

chiefs, Community College Faculty Advisory Committee, Community College Accreditation Advisory Committee, etc.

Division Staffing

The following three new staff members were hired within the division:

- Dr. Pradeep Kotamraju started on January 21. He serves as the new chief of the Bureau of Career and Technical Education. As you may recall, the division has reorganized – going back to a two-bureau structure (Kent Farver heads up the other bureau – the Bureau of Community Colleges). Pradeep most recently served as the deputy director of the National Research Center for Career and Technical Education (CTE) at the University of Louisville. His extensive prior experience includes serving as the Minnesota CTE system director and in various other positions within the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities and Minnesota’s workforce and economic development agency. Pradeep has a Ph.D. in economics from the University of Illinois and degrees from George Washington University and the University of Delhi.

Among other work, he has served as a senior consultant for Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training (TAACCCT) grant evaluations, president of the Association for CTE Research, and on the National Council for Workforce Education Board. He provided leadership for Minnesota’s consortia approach to Perkins and grant activities supporting adult education career pathways development. As chief of the CTE bureau, he will be responsible for the direction of statewide efforts related to secondary and postsecondary CTE as well as veterans’ education.

- Eric St Clair started in October. He serves as career academies consultant within the Bureau of CTE. He recently graduated with a master’s degree in public policy. He provides leadership for Senior Year Plus and completes discrete projects as needed. He also generates publications like the CCLB.
- Paula Nissen started earlier this month as education outcomes consultant (Bureau of Community Colleges). She most recently served as chief of the Bureau of Regional Research and Analysis at Iowa Workforce Development. She has extensive experience with workforce training and economic development programs (WTEDF). She will oversee WTEDF processes (which you’ll see more of since we took it over from the Iowa Economic Development Authority last year), as well as leading workforce outcomes reporting efforts.
- Dr. Barb Burrows also joined the division this month. She is program quality consultant within the Bureau of Community Colleges. She comes with extensive experience as a community college leader and administrator. For most of Dr. Burrow’s career, she was at Florida community colleges, although she was provost at Marshalltown Community College from 2003-09. She served as vice president of academic affairs at the College of Central Florida and later in various roles. As program quality consultant, she will oversee

the community college program approval process, our program and CCN management system (CurricUNET), provide leadership on academic issues, and serve as our liaison to community college academic leadership groups.

- We still have two positions open – both in adult education. One is our adult education literacy (AEL) career pathways consultant and the other is AEL data and accountability consultant. Both are advertised and we hope to have them filled soon.

Other Division Projects

- In addition to hiring staff, we've been busy. House File 604 included a lot of new funding and policy for community colleges.
- Last October, we awarded intermediary network grants with the goal of expanding work based learning opportunities. As you may recall, last session, the legislature awarded \$1.45M for the implementation of regional intermediary networks. A steering committee was convened, program parameters established, and a competitive grant program was rolled out in October. Each of the 15 community colleges was awarded funding of just under \$97K to support this work in their region. Each intermediary will have an advisory committee with business and industry, STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) hubs, education stakeholders, etc. A group of program contacts has been established; the first meeting was held last December to start sharing with one another. The steering committee will be reconvened this spring as we look to promulgate administrative rule changes and discuss program metrics and annual reporting.
- English Language Learning (ELL) Grants Awarded: House File 604 included new funding not only for AEL programs, but \$1.26M specifically for providing adults with limited English proficiency with programs designed to help them be successful in their communities. The DE developed a process for awarding the grants and allocating funding based on need. Expect the program to enhance student achievement and expand access.
- Secondary Career and Technical Education (CTE) Task Force: House File 604 mandated the DE establish a task force to review secondary CTE programming and policy and to make recommendations. The goal here is to help close the skills gap which is resulting in too many people unemployed or underemployed while businesses can't find certain skill labor hampering economic growth. It's exciting work – we haven't had a comprehensive look at how CTE is delivered since sometime before I was in high school. The world has changed a bit since then and, while we have some great things going on, it's time for a fresh look to maximize opportunities and sharpen our competitive edge. The task force met in December with diverse stakeholders – K-12 administrators, teachers, community college representatives, business and industry, labor, teacher preparation, and much more representation. We have state agency and legislators serving in an ex-officio capacity. The interim progress report went to the legislature and to the State Board of Education. To date, we have no recommendations. Three meetings will be held this year

with smaller work teams doing the work between meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for March 7, 2014. The final report is due in November 2015, but the group will likely have some recommendations this year.

- Started HiSET testing. As you may recall, Iowa switched from GED (after about 70 years) to the HiSET for awarding state issued high school equivalency diplomas. The transition appears to be going well. We saw a significant bump in GED testing before the December cut off (since subtest results don't carry forward).
- Contracted to have the Aspen Institute provide statewide career pathways and sector board training in support of PACE and GAP. Training was held in December with about 181 people in attendance including college presidents, career and technical education deans, pathway navigators, AEL directors, economic developers, student services personnel, I-AM consortia staff, etc. The training brought in national experts to talk about best practices.

IV. IACCT Update—MJ Dolan

- MJ discussed the IACCT 2014 Annual Conference scheduled for March 31 – April 1, 2014, which is being hosted by Northwest Iowa Community College and Southwestern Community College. The theme of the conference is “Community College of Iowa—Delivering on Promise.”
- She discussed the cosmetology/barber college grant and community college vocational-technical tuition grant consolidation proposal. The Iowa College Student Aid Commission (ICSAC) rejected this proposal.
- She discussed the Governor's budget recommendations including holding state general aid and Iowa skilled worker and job creation fund programs at status quo. The budget included \$200,000 out of the workforce training and economic development fund as a separate line item to support the department's outcomes reporting work. The skills to compete coalition will be asking for \$500,000.
- Dolan also discussed the Governor's apprenticeship proposal and proposed changes to 260F programs.
- Lastly, she discussed the IACCT student legislative council meeting coming up the week of January 27, 2014.

V. Uniform Policy on Residency Status—Jeremy Varner

In his state of the state address, Governor Branstad called for the State Board of Education to adopt policies that would permit returning veterans and their spouses and dependents to be eligible for resident tuition rates.

This is one plank in the Governor's Home Base Iowa initiative, a public-private partnership to promote Iowa as a place to work for military veterans and service members. The Governor has proposed the Home Base Iowa Act which includes: military pension state income tax exemption,

a military home ownership assistance program, veteran's hiring preference (private employers do what state government has done for years), asking licensing boards to allow military experience to apply to licensing processes, and free veteran-related license plates.

The Governor called for two actions related to education, neither legislative. First, the Governor will convene the community colleges, the Board of Regents, and private college stakeholders to develop consistent policies for awarding academic credit for military training and experience.

Second, in the state of the state speech, the Governor called for the State Board of Education to change its community college residency status policy to grant in-state tuition to veterans, their spouses, and dependents.

The department has updated the Uniform Policy on Residency Status to meet the Governor's request and Jeremy is presenting it today for the council's consideration today.

The section of most relevance is section 6, which classifies veterans as residents. The revisions expand the current policy by including spouses, dependent children, and mobilized National Guard members.

The policy also includes other appropriate updates and clarifications related to permissible nonresident tuition rates and reporting expectations. Most of this shows up in section 1. Please note that each college's board of trustees has authority over setting its tuition rate. The State Board of Education's role here is to establish a common policy for residency determinations and to provide greater clarity regarding permissible activities.

Assuming it is adopted, this policy will be effective for the next academic year. The policy has been vetted with community college leaders and appears to be unanimously supported.

The department recommends the CCC recommend SBE adoption of the policy January 23. Once the policy is adopted, college boards will act to align their policies with state policy, probably at the time they set tuition for the next academic year. It will result in all colleges changing their tuition policies for next academic year. In the future, we anticipate moving this policy into administrative rule.

Motion: Mike Knedler moved and LaMetta Wynn seconded to move that the State Board of Education adopt the revised policy.

Action: The motion carried unanimously.

VI. Rules: Chapter 21—Community Colleges—Operating While Intoxicated (Notice)—Jeremy Varner, Barbara Ledvina, and Eric St Clair

The Division of Community Colleges and the State Board of Education has diverse responsibilities. One of those duties relates to the provision of an educational course for drinking drivers. Barb Ledvina, who coordinates this program, and Eric St Clair, who prepared the rules, discussed the proposed changes to Chapter 21.

Barbara noted this revision to the rules reduces unnecessary hurdles for out-of-state offenders, cleans up the language, sets clear expectations regarding course delivery, and establishes an advisory committee.

Motion: Moudy Nabulsi moved and Max Phillips seconded to move that the State Board of Education approve the rules for notice of intended action.

Action: The motion carried unanimously.

VII. Annual Condition of Iowa's Community Colleges Report 2013—Jeremy Varner

We are continuously working to refine the report. We are looking at expanding the content, including more analysis, and moving toward electronic delivery. The most notable change with this edition is that we've moved nearly all of the tables to the website – so, it's a lighter report. This report is comprehensive – contains fiscal year 2013 and trend data on credit student enrollment, demographics, credit and noncredit programs, human resources, finances, and more. It is based primarily off of the community college Management Information System, although other sources are also cited. Final printed copies will be available at the State Board of Education meeting, the presidents meeting, and trustees meeting.

VIII. For the Good of the Order—Jeremy Varner

Jeremy indicated that the next meeting will be in March and the division may have lots of proposed rule changes. Moudy said that it may make sense to not have a focus issue to allow time for discussion of proposed rules

Motion: Mike Knedler moved and LaMetta Wynn seconded to adjourn.

Action: The motion carried unanimously.